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BARAK DEFENCE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during a trial, the recently acquired Barak defence system, has found to have fallen short of target by Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether the Israeli military experts were consulted for diagnosing the fault in the system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Although the target was successfully shot down during one of the two firing runs, it was declared unsatisfactory because of certain technical malfunction.

(b) & (c): The malfunctioning noted during the trials have been analysed by the equipment manufacturer and faults in the system rectified. The Barak system successfully engaged a low flying Surface to Surface Missile target and destroyedit during the repeat Acceptance Test Firing conducted on 21.1.2004.